

**Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment
& Public Hearing Concerning
Project #: DHP – 1564(001) Key No. 7508
Cheyenne Overpass Project**

NOTICE: The Environmental Assessment (EA) and other project information for the Cheyenne Overpass Project will be available for public inspection on Sept. 26, 2005 at the following locations:

Pocatello City Offices (Building Dept. Counter) 911 N 7th Ave. Pocatello, Idaho 83201	Marshall Public Library (Reference Desk) 113 S. Garfield Pocatello, Idaho 83204	ITD District 5 Offices (Front Desk) 5151 South 5th Ave. Pocatello, Idaho 83205
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The EA as well as other project-related information are also available on the Idaho Transportation Department Web site at:

<http://www.itd.idaho.gov/getinvolved/d5/CheyenneOverpassEA>

Written testimony, statements, or exhibits pertaining to the Cheyenne Overpass Draft EA will be considered if postmarked by Oct. 28, 2005. Address any such items to:

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NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the Pocatello City Hall, 911 North 7th Ave. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005 from 4-7 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide interested individuals, agencies, groups, and others an opportunity to provide testimony on the proposed changes to the location, design and environmental impacts of the project. The public will have the opportunity to view displays, ask questions and testify for or against the changes to the project.

The hearing will describe the findings of the Cheyenne Overpass EA. The EA team looked at a number of possible alternatives to reduce traffic delays and improve safety at the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) crossing of Cheyenne Avenue as well as improve east-west travel throughout the area. The study team considered the effectiveness of the routes as well as the associated impacts of each alignment when identifying a Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative begins just south of Leo Lane and Bannock Highway and proceeds east across undeveloped pastures and a tree farm before crossing the River and the UPRR tracks. It ties-in at South 2nd Avenue. From the tie-in point east of South 2nd Avenue, the alignment crosses BLM land currently leased to the City of Pocatello, passes beneath I-15, and ends at South 5th Avenue near the mobile home park. The construction of this alternative would be completed in two phases. A no-build alternative is also still under consideration.

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